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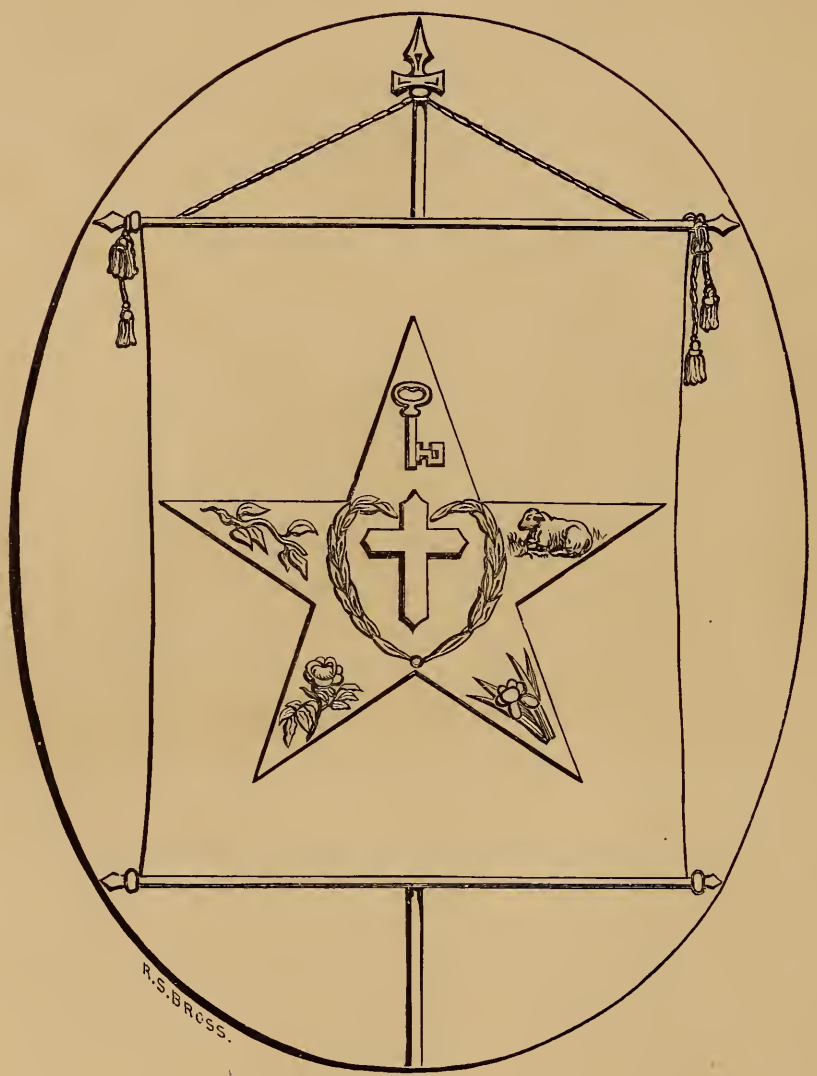
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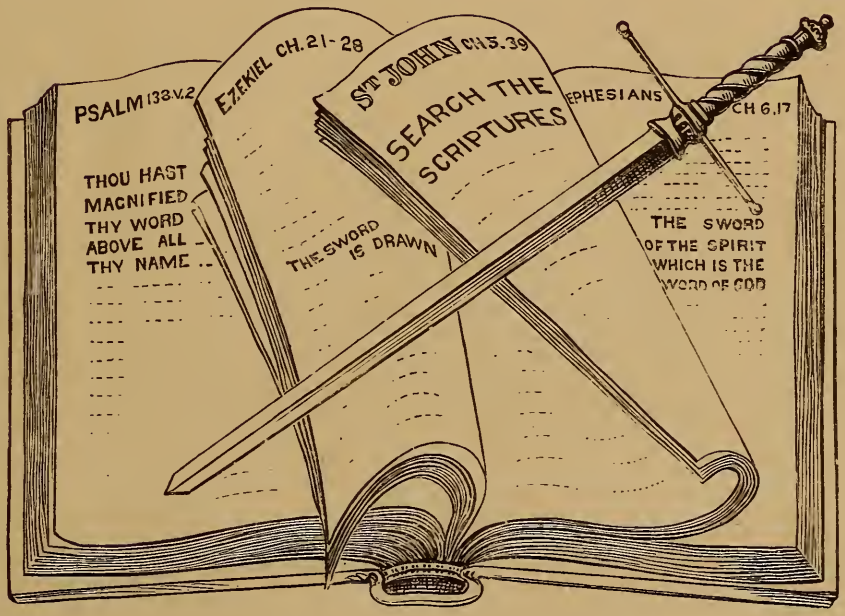
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THIS little volume is an humble endeavor to portray the pathway of the just, as marked out in the Word of God.

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Philippians i. 11. — Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ unto the glory and praise of God.

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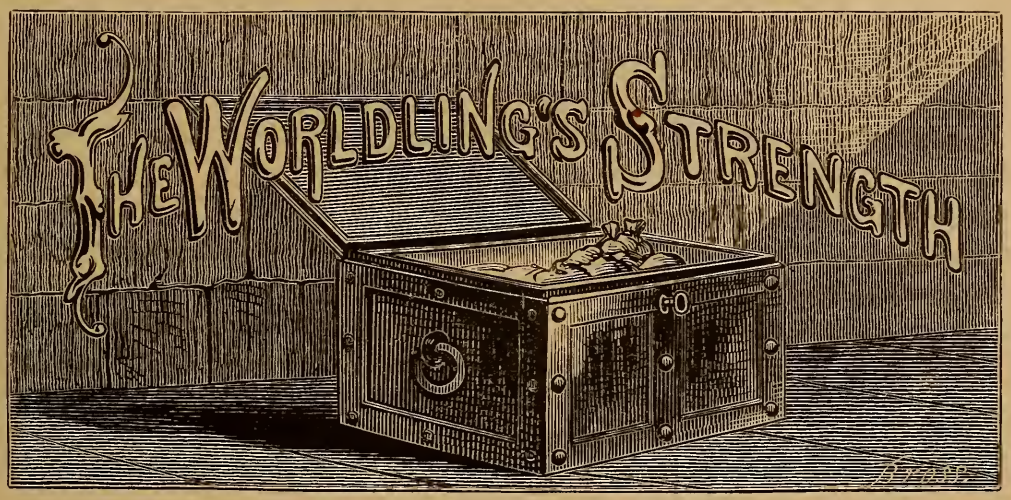


WHEN a strong man armed, keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace. St. Luke xi. 21.

The rich man's wealth is his strong city, and as an high wall in his own conceit. Proverbs xviii. 11.

Strong men retain riches. Proverbs xi. 16.

I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing. Revelation iii. 17.

Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. St. Luke xii. 19.

The Short Continuance of the Wicked.

I HAVE gone here and there through the heathen, and I see that they flow in wealth, and think not upon thy commandments. — 2 Esdras iii. 33.

Are they then of Babylon better than they of Sion? — 2 Esdras iii. 31.

I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay-tree. — Psalm xxxvii. 35.

Yet he passed away, and lo, he was not. — Psalm xxxvii. 36.

Behold at evening-tide trouble: and before the morning he is not. — Isaiah xvii. 14.

Wickedness overthroweth the sinner. — Proverbs xiii. 6.

Their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter. — Deut. xxxii. 32.

Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. — Ezekiel xvi. 49.

The Tower of Babel.

THE whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. Genesis xi. 1.

And they said, Go to, let us build us a city, and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. Genesis xi. 4.

And the Lord said, ... Genesis xi. 6.

Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. Genesis xi. 7.

So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Genesis xi. 8.

Therefore is the name of it called Babel. Genesis xi. 9.

Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwelling-places to all generations. Psalm xlix. 11.

This their way is their folly: yet their posterity approve their sayings. Psalm xlix. 13.

Belshazzar's Feast.

BELSHAZZAR the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand. Daniel v. 1.

They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone. Daniel v. 4.

In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. Daniel v. 5.

God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. Daniel v. 26.

Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them! Isaiah v. 11.

And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operation of his hands. Isaiah v. 12.

Haman's Triumph.

THEN went Haman forth that day joyful and with a glad heart: but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he stood not up, nor moved for him, he was full of indignation against Mordecai. — Esther v. 9.

The evil bow before the good; and the wicked, at the gates of the righteous. — Proverbs xiv. 19.

So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. — Esther vii. 10.

Knowest thou not this of old, since man was placed upon earth, — Job xx. 4.

That the triumphing of the wicked is short. . . . . — Job xx. 5.

The heaven shall reveal his iniquity; and the earth shall rise up against him. — Job xx. 27.

Dives Faring Sumptuously.

THERE was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. St. Luke xvi. 19.

. . . . The rich man also died, and was buried: St. Luke xvi. 22.

And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments. St. Luke xvi. 23

Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee. Isaiah xiv. 11.

For their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched. Isaiah lxvi. 24.

Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness. Psalm lii. 7.

How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! Psalm lxxiii. 19.

Now consider this, ye that forget God. Psalm l. 22.

THE wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. — Isaiah lvii. 20.

The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God. — 1 Corinthians ii. 14.

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God. — Romans viii. 7.

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey? — Romans vi. 16.

For of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. — 2 Peter ii. 19.

Thine own wickedness shall correct thee. — Jeremiah ii. 19.

Manasseh.

MANASSEH . . . . did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord. — 2 Chr. xxxiii. 2.

He built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the Lord. — 2 Chr. xxxiii. 5.

He observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards. — 2 Chr. xxxiii. 6.

And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of God. — 2 Chr. xxxiii. 7.

Moreover, Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another. — 2 Kings xxi. 16.

Wherefore the Lord brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon. — 2 Chr. xxxiii. 11.

He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity. — Proverbs xxii. 8.

So am I made to possess months of vanity, and wearisome nights are appointed to me. — Job vii. 3.

Nebuchadnezzar.

KING Nebuchadnezzar . . . . walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon. Daniel iv. 29.

The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty ? Daniel iv. 30.

While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken ; The kingdom is departed from thee. Daniel iv. 31.

The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar : and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws. Daniel iv. 33.

He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander in the wilderness, where there is no way. Psalm cvii. 40.

The Lord of hosts hath purposed it, to stain the pride of all glory, and to bring into contempt all the honorable of the earth. Isaiah xxiii. 9.

A man's pride shall bring him low. Proverbs xxix 23.

The Prodigal Son.

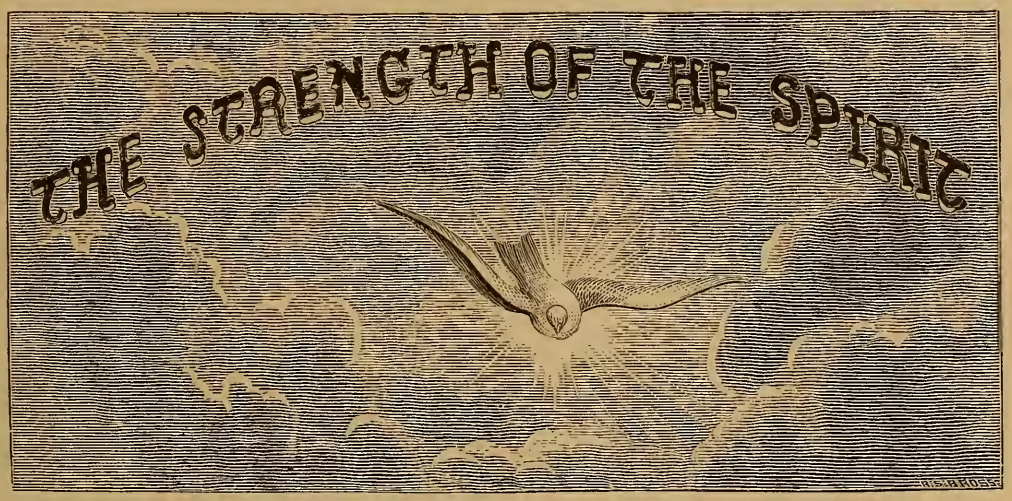
THE younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. St. Luke xv. 13.

And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. St. Luke xv. 14.

Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment. Ecclesiastes xi. 9.

As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so is a man that wandereth from his place. Proverbs xxvii. 8.

He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man: he that loveth wine . . . . shall not be rich. Proverbs xxi. 17.



BUT when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted. St. Luke xi. 22.

O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? Romans vii. 24.

Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. Zechariah iv. 6.

For thine incorruptible Spirit is in all things. Wisdom of Solomon xii. 1.

And is the breath of the power of God, and a pure influence flowing from the glory of the Almighty. Wisdom of Solomon vii. 25.

Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold. Psalm lxviii. 13.

O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely. Song of Solomon ii. 14.

The Spiritual Light.

GOD said, Let there be light: and there was light. Genesis i. 3.
And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. St. John i. 5.

Where is the way where light dwelleth? Job xxxviii. 19.

Then commandedst thou a fair light to come forth of thy treasures, that thy work might appear. 2 Esdras vi. 40.

For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians iv. 6.

In him was life; and the life was the light of men. St. John i. 4.

The Opening of the Word.

THE entrance of thy words giveth light: it giveth understanding unto the simple. — Psalm cxix. 130

Thou gavest also thy good Spirit to instruct. — Nehemiah ix. 20.

For she is the brightness of the everlasting light. — Wisdom of Solomon vii. 26.

Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it. — Isaiah xxx. 21.

Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God. — Ephesians iv. 30.

Because the Spirit helpeth our infirmities. — Romans viii. 26.

Quench not the Spirit. — 1 Thess. v. 19.

The Manifestation of the Word.

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. — St. John i. 1.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. — St. John i. 14.

For as soon as thy word went forth the work was made. — 2 Esdras vi. 43.

And thy word was a perfect work. — 2 Esdras vi. 38.

Thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name. — Psalm cxxxviii. 2

Behold the word of the Lord, receive it. — 2 Esdras xvi. 36.

The Power of the Word.

IS not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? — Jeremiah xxiii. 29.

What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out. — St. Luke iv. 36.

For thy power is the beginning of righteousness. — Wisdom of Solomon xii. 16.

My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. — Isaiah lv. 11.

Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. — St. Mark xiii. 31.

For these words are true and faithful. — Revelation xxi. 5.

THY word hath quickened me. Psalm cxix. 50.

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins. Ephesians ii. 1.

Wherefore he saith, Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. Ephesians v. 14.

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. 1 Peter i. 23.

It is the Spirit that quickeneth; . . . . the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. St. John vi 63.

Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. St John iii. 7.

As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit. Ecclesiastes xi. 5.

Youthful Piety.

WHEREWITHAL shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word. — Psalm cxix. 9.

I love them that love me: and those that seek me early shall find me. — Proverbs viii. 17.

The fear of the Lord is a fruitful garden, and covereth him above all glory. — Ecclesiasticus xl. 27.

The word of God most high is the fountain of wisdom. — Ecclesiasticus i. 5.

To give . . . . to the young man knowledge and discretion. — Proverbs i. 4.

When I was yet young, or ever I went abroad, I desired wisdom openly in my prayer. — Ecclesiasticus li. 13.

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them. — Ecclesiastes xii. 1.

Samuel.

SAMUEL ministered before the Lord, being a child, girded with a linen ephod. — 1 Samuel ii. 18.

The Lord came, and stood and called, ... Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth. — 1 Samuel iii. 10.

And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground. — 1 Samuel iii. 19.

Samuel, the prophet of the Lord, beloved of his Lord, established a kingdom, and anointed princes over his people. — Ecclesiasticus xlvi. 13.

David.

SAMUEL took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. 1 Samuel xvi. 13.

So was David chosen out of the children of Israel. Ecclesiasticus xlvii. 2.

Slew he not a giant, when he was yet but young? Ecclesiasticus xlvii. 4.

For he called upon the most high Lord; and he gave him strength in his right hand to slay that mighty warrior. Ecclesiasticus xlvii. 5.

In all his works he praised the Holy One most high with words of glory; with his whole heart he sung songs, and loved him that made him. Ecclesiasticus xlvii. 8.

Josiah.

BEHOLD, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name. — 1 Kings xiii. 2.

Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign. — 2 Chr. xxxiv. 1.

And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord. — 2 Chr. xxxiv. 2.

For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father. — 2 Chr. xxxiv. 3.

And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the Lord with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might. — 2 Kings xxiii. 25.

The remembrance of Josias is like the composition of the perfume that is made by the art of the apothecary. — Ecclesiasticus xlix. 1.

Timothy.

O TIMOTHY, keep that which is committed to thy trust. — 1 Timothy vi. 20.

. . . . Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned. — 2 Timothy iii. 14.

. . . . From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures; which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. — 2 Timothy iii. 15.

Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right. — Proverbs xx. 11.

ENDURE hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 2 Timothy ii. 3.

Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Ephesians vi. 11.

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds. 2 Corinthians x. 4.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Ephesians vi. 13.

Laying aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Hebrews xii. 1.

And war a good warfare. 1 Timothy i. 18.

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. Hebrews xii. 2.

Garment.

WE wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. — Ephesians vi. 12.

Wash you, make you clean. — Isaiah i. 16.

Let thy garments be always white. — Ecclesiastes ix. 8.

Cast about thee a double garment of the righteousness which cometh from God. — Baruch v. 2.

Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments. — Revelation xvi. 15.

Being . . . . clothed with the garments of salvation and covered with the robe of righteousness. — Isaiah lxi. 10.

Sandals.

I THOUGHT on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies. — Psalm cxix. 59.

Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not. — Psalm xvii. 5.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. — Psalm cxix. 105.

Order my steps in thy word. — Psalm cxix. 133.

For we walk by faith, not by sight. — 2 Corinthians v. 7.

Having your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. — Ephesians vi. 15.

Walk as children of light. — Ephesians v. 8.

He will keep the feet of his saints. — 1 Samuel ii. 9.

Girdle.

STAND, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth. — Ephesians vi. 14.

Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning. — St. Luke xii. 35.

For a man's mind is sometime wont to tell him more than seven watchmen, that sit above in an high tower. — Ecclesiasticus xxxvii. 14.

It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect. — Psalm xviii. 32.

For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle. — Psalm xviii. 39.

Strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man. — Ephesians iii. 16.

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind. — 1 Peter i. 13.

Trust ye in the Lord for ever. — Isaiah xxvi. 4.

Breastplate.

PUTTING on the breastplate of faith and love. 1 Thessalonians v. 8.

As timber girt and bound together in a building cannot be loosed with shaking: so the heart that is stablished by advised counsel shall fear at no time. Ecclesiasticus xxii. 16.

I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel. Psalm xvi. 7.

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Philippians iv. 13.

Having on the breastplate of righteousness. Ephesians vi. 14.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Psalm cxix. 11.

Buckler.

GOD is a buckler to all those that trust in him. Psalm xviii. 30.
He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Psalm xci. 4.

In a day of salvation have I helped thee. Isaiah xlix. 8.

The Lord is . . . . my buckler. Psalm xviii. 2.

He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms. Psalm xviii. 34.

The Lord is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. Proverbs ii. 7.

For the joy of the Lord is your strength. Nehemiah viii. 10.

Shield.

ABOVE all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. — Ephesians vi. 16.

All things are possible to him that believeth. — Mark ix. 23.

And bringing the shield of . . . . prayer. — Wisdom of Solomon xviii. 21.

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. — James v. 16.

With trust in the name of the Lord. — Isaiah l. 10.

Saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help. — Deut. xxxiii. 29.

For a threefold cord is not quickly broken. — Ecclesiastes iv. 12.

The Lord is my strength, and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped. — Psalm xxviii. 7.

Helmet.

FOR an helmet, the hope of salvation. — 1 Thess. v. 8.

For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. — Galatians v. 5.

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. — Titus ii. 13.

For we are saved by hope. — Romans viii. 24.

The spirit of those that fear the Lord shall live; for their hope is in him that saveth them. — Ecclesiasticus xxxiv. 13.

The ear trieth words. — Job xxxiv. 3.

Take heed therefore how ye hear. — St. Luke viii. 18.

The ear of the wise seeketh knowledge. — Proverbs xviii. 15.

Take the helmet of salvation. — Ephesians vi. 17.

Thou hast covered my head in the day of battle. — Psalm cxl. 7.

Frontlet.

KEEP my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye. Proverbs vii. 2.

And they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. Deuteronomy vi. 8.

The inspiration of the Almighty. Job xxxii. 8.

Maketh the doctrine of knowledge appear as the light. Ecclesiasticus xxiv. 27.

The commandment is a lamp; and the law is light. Proverbs vi. 23.

Therefore have them, for a memorial between thine eyes. Exodus xiii. 9.

Sword.

THE sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. — Ephesians vi. 17.
For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword. — Hebrews iv. 12.

I the Lord have drawn forth my sword out of his sheath: it shall not return any more. — Ezekiel xxi. 5.

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please. — Isaiah lv. 11.

Take this holy sword, a gift from God, with the which thou shalt wound the adversaries. — 2 Maccabees xv. 16.

The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. — St. John vi. 63.

A two-edged sword in their hand. — Psalm cxlix. 6.

A sword, a sword is sharpened. — Ezekiel xxi. 9.

When ye search the scriptures. — St. John v. 39.

SPEAK unto the children of Israel, that they go forward. — Exodus xiv. 15

And they journeyed, till they pitched in the wilderness of Paran . . . . at Kadesh-barnea. — Numbers xii. 16.

Caleb said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. — Numbers xiii. 30.

Then Moses said, Dread not, neither be afraid of them. The Lord your God which goeth before you, he shall fight for you. — Deuteronomy i. 29, 30.

Yet in this thing ye did not believe the Lord your God. — Deuteronomy i. 32.

So we see that they could not enter in, because of unbelief. — Hebrews iii. 19.

Let us labor, therefore, to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. — Hebrews iv. 11.

If God be for us, who can be against us? — Romans viii. 31.

Him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out. — St. John vi. 37.

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. — St. James iv. 7.

Satan.

NOW there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them. — Job i. 6.

The accuser of our brethren . . . . which accused them before our God day and night. — Revelation xii. 10.

All that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, ... is of the world. — 1 John ii. 16.

And is a snare of the devil. — 2 Timothy ii. 26.

Who, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. — 1 Peter v. 8.

I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. — 2 Corinthians xi. 3.

Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices. — 2 Corinthians ii. 11.

For it is the land of graven images, and they are mad upon their idols. — Jeremiah l. 38.

The Broad Phylactery.

COME not near to me ; for I am holier than thou. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. — Isaiah lxv. 5. St. Luke xviii. 12.

The temple of the Lord, The temple of the Lord, The temple of the Lord, are these. — Jeremiah vii. 4.

Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee ; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else besides me. — Isaiah xlvii. 10.

The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock. — Obadiah 3.

And no marvel ; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. — 2 Corinthians xi. 14.

Pride is the beginning of sin. — Ecclesiasticus x. 13.

The Robe of Humility.

BEHOLD, I am vile. Job xl. 4.

I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes. Job xlii. 6.

When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, There is lifting up; and he shall save the humble person. Job xxii. 29.

Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall. 1 Corinthians x. 12.

For I say . . . . to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think. Romans xii. 3.

Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off. 1 Kings xx. 11.

The Waves of Jordan.

THE time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God. — 1 Peter iv. 17.

If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan? — Jeremiah xii. 5.

For, behold, the battle is before us and behind us, and the water of Jordan on this side and that side, the marsh likewise and wood, neither is there place for us to turn aside. — 1 Maccabees ix. 45.

Let him take hold of my strength. — Isaiah xxvii. 5.

He stayeth his rough wind in the day of the east wind. — Isaiah xxvii 8.

When the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall. — Isaiah xxv. 4.

This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. — 1 John v. 4.

The Standard.

WHEN the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him. — Isaiah lix. 19.

I am . . . . the bright and morning star. — Revelation xxii. 16.

I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys. — Song of Solomon ii. 1.

Behold the Lamb of God. — St. John i. 29.

Behold the man whose name is The Branch. — Zechariah vi. 12.

He that hath the key of David. — Revelation iii. 7.

. . . . Shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before the Lord continually. — Exodus xxviii. 30.

That he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby. — Ephesians ii. 16.

For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. — 2 Corinthians i. 20.

The Crown.

THE Lord their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land. — Zechariah ix. 16.

The Lord hath wrought great glory by them through his great power from the beginning. — Ecclesiasticus xliv. 2.

For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? — 1 Thess. ii. 19.

For ye are our glory and joy. — 1 Thess. ii. 20.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. — 2 Timothy iv. 7.

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. — 2 Timothy iv. 8.

Therefore shall they receive a glorious kingdom, and a beautiful crown from the Lord's hand. — Wisdom of Solomon v. 16.

And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. — 1 Peter v. 4.

Exceeding Great and Precious Promises.

HE that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. — Revelation ii. 7.

He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death. — Revelation ii. 11.

To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth, saving he that receiveth it. — Revelation ii. 17.

He that overcometh . . . . I will give him the morning star. — Revelation ii. 26, 28.

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; . . . . I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. — Revelation iii. 5.

Him that overcometh, will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, ... and I will write upon him my new name. — Revelation iii. 12.

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. — Revelation iii. 21.

Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. — Revelation xxii. 12.

YE are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels. — Hebrews xii. 22.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away. — Revelation xxi. 1.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven. — Revelation xxi. 2.

The Lord God Almighty, and the Lamb are the temple of it. — Revelation xxi. 22.

The glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. — Revelation xxi. 23.

The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. — Revelation xxii. 17.

Surely I come quickly: Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. — Revelation xxii. 20.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. — Revelation xxii. 21.

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